



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 5 and 12 November 2023

***Our Vision: To build God's Kingdom here on earth as in heaven***

## **SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER – 4 BEFORE ADVENT/ All Saints**

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)**

**Collect** God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**First Reading 1 John 3:1-3** God's love for us is so great that we are already considered children of God, even though we are not yet the people we should be.

**Gospel Matthew 5:1-12** Jesus ascends a mountain to deliver a great body of teaching. He begins with some surprising statements about who is blessed.

## **SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Remembrance Sunday Service

10.45am Fifield Remembrance Sunday Service

10.50am Shipton Remembrance Sunday Service *meet by memorial*



## **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)**

**Collect** God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**First Reading Micah 4: 1-5** Peace and security comes through obedience.

Peoples shall stream to the mountain of the Lord, to learn his ways and walk in his paths. The way of the Lord is the way of peace

**Gospel John 15: 9-17** Jesus commands his friends to love one another. Looking ahead to his death and resurrection, he tells them that there is no greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**Prayer List:** Emma Bradford, Catherine Wallace, Sian Jones, Marie Gill, Jeffrey Bell-Taylor, Chris Seviour and Myra Hoyle.

**Deanery:** 5 November, St Mary the Virgin, Shipton under Wychwood. Pray for Anne Hartley, Karen Rizzello & churchwarden James Walmsley.

**Weds Mid-week Communion is now at 10am in Milton Church**

## **Vacancy News**

The process for finding a new Vicar is moving forward. Our Churchwardens are working well together to produce the Benefice Profile, a "brochure" describing the churches in the Benefice: who we are, what we're doing in church and in our communities, how we engage with people of all ages from families to the elderly, as well as what we hope a new Vicar will help to develop.

## **Meeting for all PCCs Tues 28 Nov 6.30pm Milton Church Room**

The next step in the process will be a meeting of the members of all our Parish Church Councils on Tuesday 28 November, to decide if we want the post to be advertised and who will sit on the interview panel, to get the ball rolling.

The Vacancy may well last 9 months or more. If you are able to join a team to help run an event, maintain our buildings, visit those in need in our villages, or anything else you have noticed needs doing, please contact the office, Anne or Karen, or your Churchwardens.

Looking to the future can be daunting but also exciting. Together we can make it a fulfilling time as we grow in faith and love.

With Blessings,

Anne and Karen

**Prayer as we enter a new vacancy** – there is also a copy of this in each of the churches: [wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayer](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayer)

## **Meetings:**

**Shipton PCC: Monday 13 November 6.30 in the church**

**Milton PCC: Tuesday 14 November 3pm in the church room**

**Fifield with Idbury PCC Tues 21 November 4pm, The Old Farmhouse.**

## **Care Homes**

Monday 6 November 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 7 November 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 21 November 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 28 November 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House.

## **Coffee, Cake and Company in Fifield Village Hall**

Every Thursday 10.30am to 12.30. Free! Contact Amy Schlee 07954794990.

## **Tuesday 7th November 11 to 2pm Food with Friends, Fifield**

**Parish Hall** Coffee and Cake then Homemade Bread and Soup (2 flavours) in the Parish Hall. £3 a head all-in. Everyone welcome, for all or part of the time, to enjoy excellent refreshments and good company. If you can book beforehand, please do but come anyway. Catherine 01993 831881. Another event on Tuesday 5th December.

**Shipton Prize Draw:** The winning number for October is 34!

## **Harvest Thanks from the Life Larder**

Please can you pass on thanks from the Larder and North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank to all who supported us with such generous donations this year. A large amount of produce was collected, some of which has already been distributed, with the remainder helping to support what is anticipated to be a difficult winter for many.

## **Middle East Crisis Appeal**

Christian Aid are running the following campaign for anyone who would like to contribute. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

### **From the Diocese: Vigil for Peace Sun 5 November 5pm, Oxford**

We invite all people of goodwill from across Oxfordshire who can come together for a vigil for peace in Broad Street in Oxford on Sunday 5 November at 5pm. There will be short reflections, shared grief and words of comfort offered. We ask everyone to bring a candle and we will light our candles together at 5.15pm, standing in silence as an act of solidarity with those who suffer on all sides of the conflict.

### **Christmas Shoeboxes 2023- Teams4U**

This year we are again collecting individual items for shoeboxes as well as completed shoeboxes. If you would like to contribute items for a shoebox rather than a full shoebox, please see the details on the website of what is acceptable (we can only accept items from the list).

There is also the option to “sponsor a shoebox”. For £15 Teams4U will organise the shoebox on your behalf.

You can drop items off at Milton church (in a box at the back of the church) up until the service on 19 November.

Leaflets are available in Milton church or can be downloaded from the website <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/>

Completed shoeboxes can be brought along to the special Shoebox service in Milton on 19 November at 9.30am or dropped off in Milton Church any time before then. There are lots of ideas on what to include, a guide to what to do and other short videos and information online: <https://teams4u.com/shoe-box-appeal-2023/>

## **SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER – 2 BEFORE ADVENT**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion Shoebox Sunday with Choir

First Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Clare works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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